

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1b. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1a-1c, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1a-1c. In Fig. 1b, reference numerals 13 and 18 were removed.

Attachment: One (1) Replacement Sheet

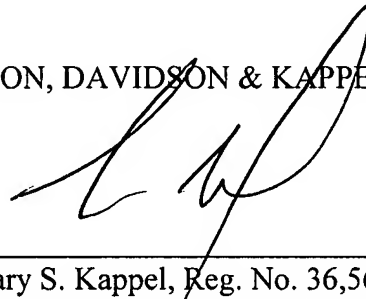
REMARKS

The application has been amended to adapt the specification and claims of the underlying international application to U.S. practice. Claims 1 to 9, as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/005855 have been canceled, and new claims 10 to 28 have been added. Fig. 1b was amended to remove reference numerals 13 and 18.

Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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